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DEMOCRATIC TICKET, 1900.

FOR PRESIDENT:

WILLIAM J. BRYAN,

OF NEBRASKA.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT:

ADLAI E. STEVENSON,

OF ILLINOIS.

FOR CONGRESS, FIRST DISTRICT:

W. A. JONES,

OF RICHMOND COUNTY.

FAVORITISM RAMPANT.

At the time of General Chaffee's appointment to the Chinese field we took occasion to allude to the evident display of favoritism on the part of the Administration in the rapid promotion of army officers. In many instances manifest injustice is done brother officers, while at the same time the morale of the troops and the honor of the nation may fall into jeopardy through the promotion of incompetent officers. It does not necessarily follow that this latter will be so in the case of Gen. Chaffee, for as yet he has displayed to the public no lack of ability, but the first reason—injustice to others—seems to be very marked, and continuing, as witness the following late dispatch from Washington to the Baltimore American:

"General Chaffee's reward for his brilliant services in China will be a brigadier generalship in the regular army. General Wheeler will retire, under the age limit, on September 10, and General Chaffee will be appointed to the vacancy thus created. Gen. Chaffee's rank in the army is only that of a colonel, his present rank being major general of volunteers. In the regular army, Colonel Daggett commanding the Fourteenth Infantry, which is part of Chaffee's force, is his senior."

It would thus seem that the Sampson-Schley travesty is to be repeated.

ABOUT eighteen months ago we started in to assimilate the heathen Filipino. We began with the small nest egg of \$30,000,000, contributed to the Coeffers of Spain. The next deposit, and to date, is \$190,000,000 in round figures, pumped as cold lead into the Tagal, or squandered by pampered officials, to say nothing of the little tribute of the blood of twenty-five hundred American lives. Ten million of dollars and over one hundred American lives per month to persuade the massimilated Filipino of the blessings of Christianity and civilization is not much, when we consider that it took a million dollars a day to give a few lessons in American gunnery to the Spaniards and the world at large.

DOUBTLESS Mr. McKinley has pressing business at Washington which prevents his meeting Mr. Bryan at the G. A. R. encampment at Chicago, but the same pressing business did not prevent his sojourning at Canton while the Chinese crisis was more of a crisis than at this time when the ministers are in the hands of their friends. The President will have to give a more cogent reason for backing out, or else suffer by it at the hands of campaigners.

ONE of the few efforts ever made at a combination by the tillers of the soil has resulted in failure. A deadlock between the wine makers and wine growers of Fresno, Cal., has ended in the breaking up of the growers' combine. As a result the wine-makers will get their grapes at \$13 and \$14 a ton. Combines of any description in commercial circles are to be deprecated, but when they clash the producer invariably goes to the wall.

Everybody idle in 1896; everybody busy in 1900.—Bristol News.

The News should not be a blind leader of the blind. Numerous factories are working only two days a week, while others have closed completely. Seven hundred iron moulders are out of employment near Baltimore.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL WOOD tells the Cubans that the United States will accept no independent government for Cuba except a stable one. This is quite a come-down from Rathbone's position who wanted to establish a government of palaces and make this country foot the bills.

It is announced with a flourish of trumpets that R. C. Springate has gone over to McKinley. We don't know who Mr. Springate is, but his name would indicate that he was capable of oscillating in any direction.

A NEWSPAPER squib says that England and the United States in China may be depended upon to give another illustration of the fact that Standard oil is thicker than water. Of course this has no reference to oil stock.

It is now believed that the Republican managers are awakening to the fact that they cannot dodge the great issue of imperialism and are preparing to abandon the free silver bugaboo which they had created.

MARK HANNA ignored the South when in search of his advisory committee. That was because the Republican party here is short on millionaires.

Wonder if the Empress of China is traveling in an automobile?—Exchange.

Hardly, she is probably travelling in-cognito.

RATHBONE is safe so long as Hanna is in charge of the Presidential conscience. "Plain duty" cuts no figure with him.

MANY prisoners are being daily captured since the "Second Battle" began.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

It is asserted that when the Constitutional Convention assembles in Virginia next year an effort will be made to insert a clause authorizing female suffrage under the new constitution.

There is a decided sentiment in the State that when the General Assembly meets to arrange for the constitutional convention, it should confine itself to that business alone. The fact is, wisdom would seem to dictate as little legislation as possible until after the new Constitution has been framed and adopted.—Richmond Dispatch.

EDITOR COMMUNION: I ask that you give me space to say a word endorsing the man named for the Constitutional Convention by correspondence. Dr. Beale is "known and read of men." Just the man for the place. Fearless, able, conservative and consistent. Everybody would feel safe with their interests in his hands. Mr. Lee is, I reckon, equally as well known as Dr. Beale. We all remember the splendid fight he put up for the Senate, nor have we forgotten who opposed him. That same crowd would fight him now to the bitter end. And for what? The People Know. Mr. Lee is simply a plain business man and this class should have a good representation. And then again Mr. Lee has no ring in his nose. He is his own man. We could not do better than have Dr. Reale and Lee represent us and Northumberland will stand by both.

A NOVEL PROPOSITION.

Gen. Bradley T. Johnson, who at one time occupied a prominent part in Virginia politics, has given out to the press a letter to the Constitutional Convention which will attract attention. He recommends that the people be allowed to choose any Virginian, no matter where he resides. He says that Judge Roger A. Pryor, of New York, would be proud to serve Virginia as a member of the convention. General Johnson then names Sk. W. Wilmer, Major Richard M. Venable, Randolph Barton, Charles Marshall, Joseph Packard and other Virginians in Maryland and other States who would make splendid material from which to draw for delegates to the convention.

The Richmond Dispatch, in commenting upon this says: "As things go we must be content to rely upon resident Virginians to do our constitution-making. * * Let us look out for and lay hands upon the best and truest men we can find in Virginia."

Are our Virginia people thinking about the Constitutional Convention? It is a most important matter to the State—nearly more so than the presidential election. If ever a people were being bled to death by taxes we surely are the people. We have not the figures at hand for the census of this year, but the estimate is made that the State of North Carolina gained between 1890 and 1900 in population, one hundred thousand more than the State of Virginia. The figures are (in advance of the census returns) for N. C. 1,800,000, and for Virginia 1,750,000. Virginia has one hundred counties, and the cost of governing these one hundred counties is \$5,450,000 per annum. The cost of governing the fifty counties of North Carolina \$3,075,000. This is something astonishing, and surely is not well understood by our Virginia people. Are we such a lawless set as that costs. Compare that for the three states of Virginia, North Carolina and Georgia. Here are the figures: Virginia, \$5,450,000; North Carolina, \$3,075,000; Georgia, \$4,211,000. So it seems it costs not very far from three times the sum of money to run the state of Virginia as that of North Carolina, and more than twice as much as the great state of Georgia. Surely, we say, our Virginia people are not realizing how they are being slowly bled to death by this vicious system, fastened on the state at a time when she was well helpless. It surely should be time for our voters to look into the matter and to act.

Advices from Asiatic Turkey say that two hundred men, women and children have been massacred in the Armenian village of Spookhank by troops and Kurds under Ali Pasha. The "kissing bug" is a miserable failure compared to the sweet girls.—The Free Lance.

POLITICAL.

Louis Wormser, of New York, made two bets each of \$10,000 to \$4,000 on McKinley.

Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, is in a war with the preachers and newspapers of his State.

Dr. R. A. Wise, of the Second Congressional District, refuses to obey Hanna's mandate and resign.

It is now announced that Mr. Bryan will do nearly as much speaking in this campaign as he did in 1896.

The Populist National Committee on Monday accepted Towne's resignation and endorsed Stevenson on the first ballot.

Bourke Cochran, of New York, announces that he will vote for Bryan and Stevenson, and will take the stump for that ticket.

The name of Gov. Roosevelt was hissed at the meeting of the Non-partisan Colored Convention, held in Boston, Mass., last week.

Republican Senator Wellington, who is out with the McKinley administration, says Maryland will give Bryan 15,000 majority.

A Massachusetts Republican paper presents the name of Senator Daniel as an available and appropriate one for Mr. Bryan's Secretary of State.

Hon. Thomas M. Scott, of Northampton county, Va., who was a candidate for elector-at-large on the Palmer-Buckner ticket in 1896, will support Bryan.

It is said that the Republicans of the Fifth district of Virginia will not nominate a candidate for Congress, thus giving Hon. Claude Swanson, Democrat, a walkover.

The Hon. David B. Hill writes the New York Journal that he knows of no Republicans who are going to vote for Bryan. It is clear that Bryan is gaining strength in New York.

W. J. Bryan has written a manly letter to the Chicago G. A. R. people stating that since President McKinley could not attend the encampment he would not give it the appearance of partisanship by attending himself.

McKinley is being dissected. The Democratic text-book shows many flaws in his policies, among them being the scandals of Spanish war, broken promises, bad rations and the apotheosis of Eagan. The money conference pledge has also been broken.

It is said that Republican managers expect to play United States Minister Conger as a splendid card on the stump. They are talking of the possibility of getting him here before the close of the Presidential campaign, and of having him glorify the foreign policy of President McKinley's administration.

Mr. Bryan has steadily driven the Republicans from post to pillar, until now they are in the centre of the field, hardly knowing which way to turn. Indeed, Mr. Hanna, in his Ashbury Park speech, virtually confessed that they had lost every point they had attempted to make in the game, and their only hope was to buy out.—Richmond Dispatch.

The Fredericksburg Free Lance recently published a letter from Dr. G. W. LeCato, State Senator from Accomac, father of the Fisheries bill, announcing his candidacy for the Lieutenant-Governorship. Quite a number of papers from other sections than Tidewater have taken up the matter and are advocating the Easternshore statesman's claims.

The Republican State Committee met in Richmond on Monday night and decided to put up candidates or support independent ones in every District in the State. They seemed to be sanguine of carrying the Ninth and Tenth Districts, and possibly the Second and Fourth. There was a marked absence of colored politicians at the committee meeting.

Another new party has come from somewhere in the cloud-enshrouded East and proposes to nominate the Hon. Grover Cleveland for President. A contest and count between Wharton Barker and Mr. Cleveland would be interesting as indicating whether the Populist or the Populist vote is the stronger. Mr. Cleveland is a mighty good man and we have nothing to say against him, but this is a bad year for scratch candidates.—Richmond News.

It is mentioned as one of the curiosities of politics that the Illinois State Democratic Convention offered ex-Vice President Adlai E. Stevenson a position of alternate to the Kansas City Convention, which he declined. Yet, says the Louisville Courier-Journal, "the delegation went without him, and when he was named for Vice-President they stood on their feet and cheered lustily." The same convention in which a people were being bled to death by taxes we surely are the people. We have not the figures at hand for the census of this year, but the estimate is made that the State of North Carolina gained between 1890 and 1900 in population, one hundred thousand more than the State of Virginia. The figures are (in advance of the census returns) for N. C. 1,800,000, and for Virginia 1,750,000. Virginia has one hundred counties, and the cost of governing these one hundred counties is \$5,450,000 per annum. The cost of governing the fifty counties of North Carolina \$3,075,000. This is something astonishing, and surely is not well understood by our Virginia people. Are we such a lawless set as that costs. Compare that for the three states of Virginia, North Carolina and Georgia. Here are the figures: Virginia, \$5,450,000; North Carolina, \$3,075,000; Georgia, \$4,211,000. So it seems it costs not very far from three times the sum of money to run the state of Virginia as that of North Carolina, and more than twice as much as the great state of Georgia. Surely, we say, our Virginia people are not realizing how they are being slowly bled to death by this vicious system, fastened on the state at a time when she was well helpless. It surely should be time for our voters to look into the matter and to act.

Magnus H. Hress, of Chicago, the "Original McKinley Man," who organized the first McKinley club in the United States, and by whose personal efforts 1500 votes were cast for the Canton statesman, has joined the Bryan rank. The membership of the original McKinley club is still intact and its members are pledged to vote as a unit. "Our club will hold a reorganization meeting shortly, and I am quite confident I shall be able to secure a majority of the members to pledge themselves to vote for Bryan, and so carry the whole strength of the club to the people's choice this year," says Mr. Hress.

No man and no man's reputation can stand in this country against the joker. Theodore Roosevelt is a man of much ability, and possesses much merit in many directions, but he thinks pretty well of himself, and made a pretty big spread over his do really with nothing more serious than a slight skirmish. Hundreds of old soldiers about Stanton have actually forgotten more serious affairs in which they were engaged. He was put up at Philadelphia for vice-president to act as a magnet for those imbued with the war spirit, but the whole thing has been turned into a joke, and Roosevelt has become a heavy load to the ticket.—Staunton News.

The nomination of Hon. Harry L. Maynard for Congress from the Second District on Friday morning completes the list of Democratic congressional nominations in Virginia. There are now in the field ten ster-

ing Democrats, and it is apparently well assured that every one of them will be elected. They are: First District, Hon. William A. Jones; Second District, Hon. Harry L. Maynard; Third District, Hon. John Lankford; Fourth District, Hon. Frank R. Lassiter; Fifth District, Hon. Claude Swanson; Sixth District, Hon. Peter J. Otey; Seventh District, Hon. James Hays; Eighth District, Hon. John F. Rixey; Ninth District, Hon. W. F. Rhee; Tenth District, Hon. Hal D. Flood.

The Richmond News recently had a good article on the convention which renominated Congressman Lamb at Richmond. It recited how a life and death fight between the Ellyson and Montague factions was tipped in the bud. It also stated that rumors were afloat as to what transpired in the meeting of the Committee on Resolutions. One section of the resolutions was on the subject of considerable discussion. The resolution was adopted, however, and the dissenters did not present a minority report. This resolution was the one endorsing Governor Tyler. It seemed to be on account of the Governor's action in recalling the troops from Empress before the lynching there last spring.

COLORED STATE CONFERENCE.

The Negro Conference which met in Charlottesville, Va., last week adopted what they call "a prayer to the intelligent white people of Virginia" not to disfranchise the colored people of the State, and asked if a measure of disfranchisement is to be passed, that it apply to both races alike. The appeal, which is described as non-partisan, goes forth and asks the white race's aid in the matter of education, the uplifting of the colored race morally and its advancement generally. The meetings were secret, and all attempts to get at what was said behind the closed doors have been fruitless. The address is at present withheld from the public for correction and approval. T. C. Walker, of Gloucester, was chosen temporary chairman and C. C. Stewart, of Bristol, permanent chairman of the Conference.

TELLING POINTS DELIVERED BY BRYAN IN TOPEKA SPEECH.

The fact that the Trusts support the Republican party ought to be sufficient proof that they expect protection from it.

The farmer knows that the discovery of gold, famine abroad and war on three continents have not been able to raise the price of farm products as rapidly as Trusts and combinations have raised the price of the things he buys.

The army worm, which occasionally destroys a field of wheat, is not nearly so dangerous an enemy to the farmer as a large standing army.

The Republican party denies the necessity for more real money, while it permits national banks to expand the volume of paper it promises to pay. To-day the Trust cloud will weigh over the industrial sky. The farmer does not participate in the benefits of Trusts, but he sorely feels the burden of them at harvest time.

The farmer, powerless to protect himself when he sells, is plundered when he purchases.

BACHELOR DOCTOR SUE.

While Husband was Sick was said to be Driving Through Lancaster with the Wife.

Henry M. Carter, in Baltimore, on Saturday, entered suit against Dr. Alexander Hill for \$25,000, charging that physician and Democratic politician with alienating the affections of Mrs. Carter. Dr. Hill, who is a handsome bachelor of 45 and chief surgeon of the Bureau of the department, is now in Virginia on a visit. The news of the filing of the suit against him caused great surprise and no little gossip in city hall and political circles.

Mr. Carter is a retired builder and his wife is a very beautiful woman, about 43 years of age. Cart says that Dr. Hill was his family physician. He was very excited when talking about the case and made serious charges against the doctor. The husband and wife still reside at their handsome home on St. Paul street. The angry husband accuses the doctor of hypnotizing his wife and further says that when he was ill several years ago and thought he was going to die, he killed \$20,000 to his wife. Dr. Hill attended him, and when he was convalescent, Mr. Carter says the doctor was driving around Lancaster county, Va., with his wife. Mrs. Carter declares she is innocent of the charges.—Alexandria Gazette.

ENGLAND AND THE BOERS.

Because the Boers fired on a supply train, the British had all the houses for ten miles around burned to the ground.

Baller's advance has occupied Machadodorp. The enemy made a poor stand and retired northward, followed by Dunderdorp's mounted troops.

Lord Roberts reports that Baller's troops have captured Bergdama, a strong Boer position. The struggle for the possession of the place cost the British forces about 60 men.

President Kruger has issued a proclamation counter to the last proclamation issued by Lord Roberts. The Transvaal president says: "It will help you nothing to lay down your arms or to leave the commandos. Every step toward means a step nearer St. Helena."

The British have captured Gen. Olivier, one of the wariest and bravest of the Boers. It was Olivier who cornered Lord General Gatacre, captured many prisoners and gave him such a drubbing. Olivier was daring to recklessness and has had many narrow escapes from capture.

Lieutenant Cordua, who was charged with leading the plot to kidnap Lord Roberts, was executed. Fifteen persons were implicated in the conspiracy. They planned to set fire to houses in the suburbs of Pretoria and while the soldiers were engaged there to forcibly enter the houses occupied by the British officers, kill all except Lord Roberts and make him prisoner.

Lord Roberts reports that the enemy in considerable force opposed Baller's advance and tried to trap the cavalry. The Boers had 15-pounder cannons, which the British finally silenced. The Boer trap failed but two companies of the Liverpool regiments strayed into the lines, losing ten men killed, forty-five wounded and thirty captured.

NEWS ITEMS.

The assassin of King Humbert, of Italy, has been sentenced to life imprisonment.

The Alabama is the fastest battleship afloat. She made a speed of 17.45 knots on her trial trip Tuesday. Friday night in New York Harbor, Fitzsimmons defeated Tom Sharkey in two rounds. The fight was a fierce one.

The gas buoy marking the entrance to Coan river was extinguished August 14th. It will be replaced by a new one.

A number of the leading fire insurance companies have decided to raise rates of insurance on property, and city risks in particular.

The race war has broken out afresh in New York city. A negro shot a white boy and mobs of both races have gotten almost beyond the control of the police.

State Auditor Marye, after paying all of the original pensions out of the \$135,000 appropriated, will not be able to pay the new ones in full, but only 15 per cent of their allowance.

140,000 men of the Homestead mines are on the verge of a strike, and 25,000 cotton mill hands at Fall River, Mass., intend to strike if wages are reduced 10 per cent as threatened.

The United States Circuit Court of appeals decides that under the laws of Virginia a woman may be "the head of a family" in the sense demanded by the homestead exemption law of this State.

The Paris exposition is pronounced a dismal failure. There are no special features that are new, and the charges come too high to suit the public. Cabbies are on a strike and all Paris pretty well depends upon cabs for means of transportation.

Census enumerators of this State, as well as in other States, are kicking because there is a delay in paying their salaries. The work was not so remunerative as was at first expected. The enumerators of Richmond will get only \$46 apiece.

A riot has been in progress in Akron, Ohio, over the repulse of a mob who desired to lynch a negro for the usual crime. A summary of the results show that one person is dead, 21 injured and \$200,000 worth of property, including the City Hall, is in waste.

The question that has had a vital interest for the Panamun Indians has at last been decided, and the "red man" has been declared not to be a "colored man." The Southern railroad officials have decided that the Indian is entitled to ride in the "White" car.

According to the official figures made public by the Census Bureau Baltimore stands sixth in the list of American cities, with a population of 508,207. In 1890 the population was 434,439, an increase in population of 75,518, or 17.15 per cent, from 1890 to 1900.

A dispatch from Chicago says that Armour & Co. have received an order from the Russian Government for six million pounds of beef on the hoof to feed the soldiers of the Czar in China. This is said to be the largest order of the kind in the history of the Chicago meat trade.

The Hamburg American Line steamer Deutschland, which sailed from New York August 28th for Hamburg, made the fastest time ever attained by any ocean steamer, that of 5 days, 11 hours and 45 minutes. Her highest day's run was 552 knots. The average speed was 23.32 knots per hour during the passage.

A Pennsylvania woman, who shot her husband and then killed herself, deprived her own relatives of the portion of her husband's wealth which would have been hers had she survived him but a few seconds. As it was the wife died first, and, being without issue, all of the property went to the man's relatives.

Bryan's Speech of Acceptance. (Columbia Weekly, Rep.)

There is no greater mistake than in the exhibition of unfairness toward a political opponent. The Republican newspapers are ill advised when they denigrate the speech delivered by Mr. Bryan at Indianapolis in reply to the formal tender of the Democratic nomination for the Presidency. We state what we believe to be the secret conviction of all Republicans who read it, when we say that not a single politician in our own party could have written it. From the viewpoint of argument it was cogent; from a rhetorical viewpoint it was fervent, illuminative and persuasive. Unquestionably, Mr. Bryan is a great orator, probably the greatest alive; that he has no peer in the United States is certain. Voice, presence, gesture, facial expression, all the outward equipment of a master of the spoken word is his; and, even when read, this last speech will be found to answer the definition of eloquence which is deduced from the great models. It appeals at once to the understanding and touches the heart. It is reasoning, fired with emotion. In any event, this speech, considered as a campaign document, is sure to have a tremendous circulation, and it possibly might turn the scale were it certain that the coming election would pivot upon the issue of Imperialism.

ACROSS THE SEAS.

A Virginia negro is in complete charge of an important town in the Philippines, occupying the position corresponding to mayor of this country. His name is W. A. Hankins, formerly employed in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Manila Times of June 16th, tells of the arrest of James H. Groundall, in Manila, for passing a counterfeit note on a native merchant. The man appeared to have given a \$20 Confederate bill in payment for some article purchased. He received \$14 in change. It seems it has become a rather usual thing for Americans to work off Confederate money on the natives in the Philippines and Porto Rico.

A letter dated Manila, 1898, no month given, signed by F. Sandico and signed by Aguinado advises the establishment of committees in all the outskirts and suburbs and to revive secretly the Katipunan, armed with knives. They should avoid conflict until this is all organized."

THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

A rumor is to the effect that the allies have lost a bloody battle at Peking.

It is rumored on good authority Russia, Germany and Japan have declared war on China and invited England and the United States to retire.

The execution of Cheng Yien Hun, the Cantonese who was the special Ambassador of China to Queen Victoria's jubilee, is said to have created wide-spread terror.

The allies have driven the Boxers out of the Imperial palace in Peking. Troops were marched through the palace doors, the first vaulted foot that ever trod the sacred Manchu castle.

The War Department is arranging to ship several million feet of lumber from Seattle, Wash., to Taku, China, where it is to be utilized in the construction of winter barracks for American soldiers.

The Japanese cavalry, it is reported, has left Peking in pursuit of the Dowager Empress and her court, who, with her treasury train, protected by 30,000 troops, has arrived at Wu Tai Shan, in Shan Si province.

Advices from Yang Tsun state that the Americans' losses were heavier in that fight, the Fourteenth Infantry having 9 killed and 62 wounded. During the night the British and Russian guns shelled the American troops in mistake, wounding ten men.

Li Hung Chang a Captive.

The French commander in Chinese waters, has cabled to his Navy Department that a council of admirals have decided to hold Li Hung Chang on board ship until the opening of negotiations between the Powers and China.

To Retrace the Baylor Line.

The contention between G. W. Daniel & Son, applicants for certain oyster planting ground off Stingray Point, and the tongsers of that locality came up before the State Board of Fisheries at Norfolk on the 15th. Upon the report of the surveyors that they could not accurately locate the line of the Baylor survey. It was referred again to the surveyors with directions to exhaust all possible means of locating the line definitely. The tongsers claim the ground for which application has been made is not planting ground.—Southside Sentinel.

Dependence Or Independence.

Senor Cisneros, who was one of the delegation of Cubans who waited on President McKinley last week to protest against interference by this government with the people of Cuba in the formation of their constitution, takes a most pessimistic view of the situation. In his opinion the President is "playing politics." "Mr. McKinley," said Senor Cisneros, "seems to have had the political possibilities of the situation in mind when he called the constitutional convention for a day immediately preceding the election in this country. If the convention had been called for a date at least fifteen or twenty days prior to the election and the Government of the United States had forced us to frame a constitution not satisfactory to ourselves it might have had a serious effect on the Republican vote."—Bullo, Sun.

PREACHER'S HOT CATCH.

Rev. Mr. Burton met with a very peculiar and rare accident at the tabernacle grounds on Sunday evening. In throwing up his arm a piece of meteoric stone fell inside his coat sleeve, burning a hole in his shirt sleeve and blistering his arm. After it dropped out of his sleeve it was very hot still, and was too hot to hold in hands. This was evidently a piece from a falling meteor.—Madison News.

The Shanghai news factory having become discredited, the enterprising fair has turned his attention to that long suffering potentate, the Amir of Afghanistan. Last spring the Amir was presented to the public as in the act of rising against England. Now he is introduced as on the point of declaring a holy war against Russia. The truth probably is that he is simply smoking his hubble bubble pipe, listening to the gossip of his harem and wondering why men should be hired to lie while so many of his subjects do it for nothing.—Richmond News.

Marine Railway.

Our Marine Railway No. 2 is now in successful operation and we are prepared with both railways to give prompt service. The patronage of vessels larger than those that have favored us in the past, as well as our old friends, are solicited.

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